

Interprett by R<sup>t</sup> Sander, and afterward by Armour who then Lib. R. R. R. came home.

Brethren:

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Wee Come here in Corlaers house and make you acquainted that the Indians called Diconondaages (or Indians with holes through their noses) have been in our Country and lamented the death of our people and have made a Covenant with us, wherein they include all the whole stroak Westwards as also Corlaer (that is the Governm<sup>t</sup>) and desired us to make it acquainted to the Bretherne, Doe give three small Beavers:

2: Wee Excuse ourselves wholly that wee have had noe hand in killing the English Christians in Virginia, Yea doe declare to have done noe harme at all there, and are very sorry and doe weep in our land for the Evill done there, but doe seek to live in a pcaccable land and not to intermeddle ourselves in any warr against the Christians and desire that this may be signified to Corlaer, Doe give three small Bevers:

3: Say: Wee are the Governo<sup>rs</sup> Subjects as alsoe the whole stroake Westwards, our houses are his houses; And because the Onnondages have made proposalls to us by p<sup>r</sup>sents, as also to the whole nations on that stroake, that if any harme did befall them, that wee and the whole stroake quite to Corlaer—should joyne together in order to assist one another, doe ask what they shall doe in this Case, and desire if any bad Rumours of warr should come That good care might be taken by the Governo<sup>r</sup> that noe mischiefe befall them in their whole Country, for it would be also p<sup>r</sup>judiciall to yo<sup>r</sup> Brethren in their Bever Trade:

Doe also desire that all the harme which is Committed by any of their stroake or Confines of the Country, to the Christians may be forgiven and buried in Oblivion, Doe give one Bever.

Answered upon the Sinnikes propos:

Brethern:

Wee understand by yo<sup>r</sup> proposition, that the Indians called Djonondadaages have beene in yo<sup>r</sup> Country, to bemoane the death of yo<sup>r</sup> people, which is yo<sup>r</sup> manner amongst one another, but not usuall amongst the Christians, and that you have a good Correspondence and understanding, one amongst another is acceptable to us, but are more gladd to heare that you say you have noe hand in killing of the Christians in Virginia, and hope you will not give way to such an Evill which wilbe a meanes, that you may live and dwell peaceably in yo<sup>r</sup>

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